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GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS

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1. GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE AFTERNOON APR 2 RELEASED
THE MAP AND DETAILS OF TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS TABLED BY GREEK
CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR IN VIENNA. GOC SPOKESMAN DEFENDED MAP AS
BEING ACCORD WITH GUIDELINES AGREED BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND
DENKTASH AND PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF 120,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS
TO THEIR HOMES WITHIN A FUTURE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION.
50,000 GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES WOULD HAVE OPTION TO ACCEPT
COMPENSATION OR TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES UNDER PERMANENT
TURK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. MAP IS REPRODUCED ON FRONT PAGE
OF ALL GREEK CYPRIOT DAILIES APR 3.

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2. GOC-CONTROLLED BROADCASTING CBC REPORTED EVENING APR 2
THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS PROVIDE
FOR MERE "SHADOW" GOVERNMENT WITHOUT CABINET BUT
ONLY "EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS" FOR ROTATING PRESIDENCY WITH-
OUT EXECUTIVE POWERS; TWO SEPARATE CONSTITUTIONS; DIVIDED
ECONOMY WITHOUT CENTRAL TAX AUTHORITY; COMMON CURRENCY BUT

SEPARATE NATIONAL BANKS; SEPARATE CUSTOMS, PASSPORTS, ARMIES; EXTERNAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO BE LEFT TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. STORY IS PROMINENT THROUGHTOUT GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS APR 3 BUT HAS NOT YET APPEARED IN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS.

3. COMMENT: RELEASE OF MAP, APR 2 WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING STRIKES US AS PREMATURE AND MOST UNHELPFUL. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES INFORMED CHARGE' AT MEETING APR 4 (REPORTED SEPTTEL) THAT GOC HAD TAKEN THIS STEP BECAUSE DESCRIPTION OF GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WAS CARRIED ON TURKISH CYPRIOT TV EVENING APR 1. HE SAID GOC "HAND WAS FORCED" AND THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO GIVE CORRECT INFORMATION TO GREEK CYPRIOT PUBLIC. CHRISTOPHIDES DENIED ANY GOC ROLE IN LEAK OF TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL. DETAILS OF TURK CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL AS BROADCAST BY CBC APPEAR TO US TO ACCURATELY REFLECT CONTENTS OF REF B. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF DIRECTOR ANDREAS CHRISTOPHIES, CURRENTLY WITH GREEK CYPRIOT DELEGATION IN VIENNA, WAS SOURCE, DESPITE DENIAL OF FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES, WHO MAY SIMPLY BE UNINFORMED ON THIS POINT.
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